Tuberculosis in Orissa

3704. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of tuberculosis in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to eradicate TB in that State;

(c) the details of schemes sponsored by the Centre and the steps taken by Government to implement those schemes in that State; and

(d) the target fixed for eradication of TB from Orissa and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) The number of TB cases reported in the State of Orissa under the National TB Control Programme have been more or less the same during the last five years.

To control TB, the National TB Control Programme was launched in all the States, including the State of Orissa, in 1962. Under the National TB Control Programme, free of cost diagnosis and treatment facilities, including free supply of anti-TB drugs, are provided to the TB patients.

To achieve a cure rate of at least 85% as against the cure rate of around 40% in the previous Programmes, Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in 14 tribal districts of Orissa in a phased manner, during a period of five years w.e.f. October, 1997 with DANIDA assistance of Rs. 31.95 crores. Service delivery has already started in five districts i.e. Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Sundergarh, Deogarh, Jhar Sugda and is expected to start soon in Sambalpur District also.

(d) It is nor possible to fix any target date for eradicaton of TB at this point of time. Efforts, however, will be made to cover the total pupulation of the country under the Revised National TB Control Programme by the end of year 2005 which will help in controlling the problem of TB.

Ex-Servicemen Radiologists in CHS

3705. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen specialists-Radiologists absorbed in CHS on transfer from Himachal Pradesh from 1989, till date;

(b) whether any representation has been received in this behalf;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No Specialist of Radio-Diagnosis has been appointed by transfer on absorption basis in Specialist Sub-Cadres of Central Health Services.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Condition of Medical Colleges in Assam

3706. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and Medical Council of India have taken any steps to look into the causes of delay and irregularities in admissions to Post-Graduate Courses in Medical Colleges of Assam;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are existing deficiencies of equipment in medical colleges of Assam, especially in Silchar Medical College;

(c) whether Government have any plans for allocation of additional financial assistance to fulfil the deficiencies for as vital a sector as health in Assam; and

(d) if so, the details threof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Admission students to post-graduate courses in all the three medical colleges of Assam (except for the 25% of the seats reserved for the candidates qualifying on the basis of all Indian Entrance Examination is rgulated by the Govt. of Assam as per rules framed by the State Government. A representation was received from students regarding delay in admission to post-graduate courses in medical colleges in Assam and the Sate Government was requested to look into the matter. The Medical Council has no information on the exact date of starting of post-graduate courses in Assam.